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Our City Affairs

Good for the Citizens' Non-Partisan league! It has come out squarely for a stronger, simpler, straighter system of city government. It would do away with the professional politician and office-seeker pie counter and make the matter of governing Bisbee what it was intended that every city government should be when the fathers of this republic laid the foundations of affairs in revolutionary days, which is to say, a business proposition based upon freedom and efficiency.

The basis and strength, yea, the cause of all republics, is the desire of the people, the producers, the doers, to be governed by themselves. This aim is defeated unless the average citizen, the shopkeeper, the clerk, the workman, the doctor, lawyer, artisan, is called to office directly from his bench, counter or desk. The man who is a good workman, a successful shopkeeper, a skilled doctor, or keen lawyer, is the man best fitted to administer his city affairs. The man who works hard in his own behalf has acquired habits of industry sufficient to carry him through a term of city office with credit. He has pride in himself and his record that spurs him on. It is a wise people that select the workers and the doers to handle their affairs.

That is why the non-partisan idea has come to be almost general in the cities and towns of the United States. The professional politician and office holder has killed the goose that laid the golden egg of an easy and fat job. Graft and incompetency have come to be proverbial in the affairs of the cities of this nation. Hence the gradual elimination of party tickets and the coming of "Citizens" and "Independent" tickets the country over.

However, there are no charges of graft in Bisbee; no particular scandal in connection with our city affairs. But, nevertheless, the city is sadly in need of a forceful, progressive, efficient administration. Strong, successful, representative men should be drafted from their business and their work to do something for their community.

Improvements should be made that are permanent. Most of our city streets are a joke. They have to be improved and repaired three or four times a year. More money is spent every few years for these improvements than permanent streets would cost. Bisbee needs sidewalks; needs a parking place for autos. Needs more water for yards. Needs more street lights. Needs cheaper utilities. Needs stricter regulations as regards a half dozen things. Every citizen who has the good of the city at heart wishes it to be made a more attractive place in which to live. Wonders have already been accomplished in this canyon; but there are wonders yet to do to make it all that it can and should be made as a modern city.

This Non-Partisan league has started right. It has called safe and strong men to the front and promulgated a platform that promises much for the district. Jacob Erickson, called to run again for mayor, has already shown himself possessed of the two imperative attributes for a good mayor, he has been honest and he has been courageous. Plain spoken, seeking not to curry public favor, simple and direct in all his public acts, he is just the man to carry on the work planned by the Non-Partisan league. And the candidates for council drafted to serve with him are men with records behind them. Every one of them will have to sacrifice his personal affairs and business to serve on the council, and these are the kind of men needed right now for the city's executive body.

This is a rich district. A great volume of business ebbs and flows in the canyon.

The district will grow richer and the business will grow greater. To keep the city up and abreast and worthy of this unexampled prosperity is the duty of the city government. To govern and improve and regulate the city for the greatest benefit for the most people is the ideal that every public man and institution should seek to attain in his trusteeship to his fellow citizens. The league has started right. It is up to the people here generally to see that the work is carried on to a successful accomplishment.

After scanning the editorial columns of a score or more of representative dailies from all sections of the country, The Review is convinced that the president's policy of hands off in Siberia has but little support in America. The situation is such as to demand instant action. Japan should be asked to throw all the troops she can possibly spare into Siberia and wage aggressive war against the Bolsheviks and German forces there. They work together, these two, the Bolsheviks and the Prussian, and have been doing so steadily for six months. Every move they have made in relation to each other has been the move calculated to hurt the entente the most. These moves are too regular and have too much the same purpose not to be deliberate and the result of a plan. For the allies to blind their eyes to the facts is to court disaster. Strike! Strike now! Strike with the aid of Japan through Siberia. It is the only effective way by which the Prussian power can be checked in the east at this time. If Japan will move NOW with her full military force into Siberia and wage offensive war upon the Bolsheviks and the Germans and Austrians, it will save a million French, English and American lives on the western battle front. It is authoritatively stated that the Cossacks and the more loyal and intelligent Russians desire Japanese aid. Anything rather than sure serfdom under the kaiser.

Elihu Root, than whom there is no greater American today, greeted the English archbishop visiting our shores, with the following message of soul-stirring patriotism, which is sure to find a responsive thrill and glow in every loyal heart: "We are with you in heart and soul, in judgment and conviction; in purpose and determination, proud to be with the men who have shown the manhood, the heroism, the high courage, the self-devotion, the willingness to die for liberty, that the men of Great Britain have shown in these times. We are proud that our laws, our system of justice, our conception of liberty, our customs, come from these fathers out of whose loins sprang the men in the trenches upon the British line. The future of your children and ours depends upon the same struggle, for if the Germans' conception of government in this world is to control, your children, and ours, will not be free."

Germany still insists that the United States has only a division of troops (27,000 men) in France. But then this is a big admission for Germany, as it will be remembered that when Pershing's first army went into quarters in France last fall the Germans claimed that only a battalion (600 men) of American troops were in France. If Germany admits that the American army has increased fifty times over its first strength, then General Pershing must have a considerable army by this time. The fact is, over a half million American troops are in France and most of them will take part in the fighting next summer and Germany knows it and is preparing her people a little at a time for unfavorable eventualities.

Douglas International: The mining industry in the Chiricahua mountains is showing increased activity. During the past year several new companies have started development work in the section around the Hilltop properties which has been under development for four years and which now is regarded as a practically proven mine with prospects of large production in the future. Among the newer companies in that vicinity are the Hilltop Extension, the Ajax, the Nippers and others. These companies are on the east side of the range. On the west side and in the Dos Cabezas district there is considerable increased activity and with the Mascot making regular shipments of copper ore to the Sasco smelter.

Secretary Baker is on the western front. He will see a practical demonstration of the Lewis gun there if he gets close enough to the firing line.

Trotsky has resigned, but Lenine holds on still. His Potsdam checks were larger than those little Trotsky received.

PIONEER CITIZEN LAID TO REST IN BISBEE CEMETERY

George Roberts, Thirty-six
Years a Resident of District,
Honored By Hundreds Who
Attend Funeral.

A man's man, material worthy of the very best traditions of the big hearted, impulsive, generous, honest through and through type of the old days, the man trying days of the pioneering period in Arizona's isolated metal districts, was laid to rest yesterday afternoon in Bisbee cemetery.

George Roberts, was the name. Few old timers in the Southwest but have heard it; not a few but have distinct occasion to remember it with gratitude for many is the one in other days, kinder days, to whom the hand of George Roberts went out in aid in one way or another—and without the left hand knowing it which the right did. Hundreds yesterday afternoon assembled at the Palace Undertaking chapel to pay their last respects and to join in sorrow of that kind which is borne with the passing of a good friend. George Roberts was such with all whom he knew who traveled straight, and he had been the good friend of many a man whose footsteps had faltered on the narrow path, and many he helped back to the right road. Nona, indeed, might be more worthy of the gathering of throngs at his bier and the piling high of flowers, than this man, and so it was that the throng yesterday filled the chapel and overflowed far into the street, while the flowers were banked high.

George Roberts had been a resident of Bisbee for more than 36 years. He came here from a farm in the middle west to go to work in the restaurant of his sister-in-law. The Can-Can was the restaurant, and in its door, as she looked out on Main street to see what was going on, the proprietress met her death soon after the arrival of the young man, the tragedy of her death being a part of that enacted in the famed bandit raid upon the camp. Subsequently Mr. Roberts settled the affairs of the restaurant and engaged in business for himself.

Later, when the Spanish American war came, he was among the first in the ranks of the Rough Riders with Buckley O'Neill's gallant crowd. After the war he came back to Bisbee and reengaged in business. He made money easily and he disbursed it just as readily among those whom he felt needed it more than he did. He was never rich, except in friends, although at various times he was comfortably situated in worldly goods. At the time of his death his possessions were represented chiefly in a ranch in the Sulphur Springs valley, upon which he had spent a good deal of money in development and improvements.

He had pursued mining to some extent, but mostly through advances to miners and prospectors who needed assistance to go on with their plans and labors. In the course of his contact with the industry he gathered in the earlier days a remarkable collection of specimens of copper ore, said to have been one of the most comprehensive and finest in the country. Upon his retirement from business several years ago, he disposed of the greater part of the exhibit to L. W. Wallace, in whose possession it now is.

His life had its deep griefs and trials, but he fought the same bravely and within himself. His troubles were never the burden of others. For his fellow beings he always had a cheery smile and a warm hand, and in his passing to the cemetery yesterday with escort of the Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and a host of sorrowing friends, the world became poorer.

W. K. Mead Dies In Tombstone

Advices were received here yesterday on the death of William K. Mead, of Jamestown, Virginia, at his home in Tombstone. He was taken sick about a week ago with an attack of la grippe but was feeling much better and was able to be about until a day or so ago, when he suffered a relapse and was confined to his bed, and yesterday morning about 10 o'clock. He was a member of the Chiswick County drainage board having been appointed by Governor Hunt when Sheriff Harry Wheeler tendered his resignation.

W. K. Meade was a pioneer resident of Arizona and came to the territory in the seventies and was in the Prescott country, later coming down to Tombstone and then to Pima county. He was interested in a number of mining properties in the Tombstone district, an interest in which he still owned at the time of his death as well as an interest in some properties with Heney in the Swissmell mountain in this county. At one time he was worth considerable money, and owned a number of houses in Tucson and Tombstone. He was a strong democrat and was appointed as United States Marshal for the District of Arizona under the Cleveland administration.

He was married a number of years ago but he and his wife separated and she died a few years ago. He has relatives living in Virginia, who were informed of his death and funeral arrangements have been made pending word from them. The body is being held at the undertaking parlors of C. B. Tarbell in Tombstone pending word from them. He has many friends throughout Arizona who will regret to hear of his death. He was about seventy years of age.

BUT—"JUDY O'GRADY AN' THE COLONEL'S LADY ARE SISTERS UNDER THE SKIN"



State and County News Briefs

County Briefs

Emil Gardnauer, charged with slacking was taken to Tucson from Wilcox yesterday by Deputy United States Marshal Shelton. He was bound over for trial by the United States commissioner at Wilcox. He is from Minneapolis.

Lee O. Woolery of Tombstone, has been appointed by County School Superintendent Miss Elsie Toles to fill the unexpired term of Dr. W. M. Randolph on the Tombstone school board, and Mr. Woolery has taken up his duties.

According to word received in Tombstone by Porter McDonald, Grant Wazner, who is in Uncle Sam's naval medical college at Washington, D. C., Cornell university at New York, where he expects to be for some time. Grant is advancing rapidly, which is pleasing news to his many friends.

Mae Loch, a stenographer in the department of the commission of state institutions, will leave Phoenix today for Douglas, where she will join her husband, Mrs. Loch has been working with the commission ever since that body has been in office. When the new commission took office she was held over because of her reputation for excellent work. She is now considering an offer to go to Washington to work for the Red Cross.

One hundred war orphan boys, protégés of Gen. Calles, now attending the Cruz Galvez school at Hermosillo may spend their vacation in Agua Prieta bringing their military band with them, Mexican Consul Leveque has been informed. The event is looked forward to with much interest in Agua Prieta, as the youngsters will undoubtedly bring up things considerably while they are in the town across the line.

Each of the ninety-one members of the Douglas Cooks and Waiters' Union are members of the Red Cross, and have paid their dues to the Douglas chapter. The Cooks and Waiters' Union has twenty-eight members in the service, and is preparing to have a service flag with twenty-eight stars made and hung in the union's headquarters. The union has resolved to keep up its 100 per cent membership in the Red Cross, and officers of the Red Cross in appreciation of what the local is doing, hopes that all other associations will follow the example of the cooks and waiters.

Lieutenant William C. Knox, athletic officer of the new 368th cavalry, without funds to purchase books, baseball gloves, bats and balls for the regiment, asks that persons who wish to help the regimental men in the new organization get a start to turn over to him anything for the soldiers. As soon as the men reach the regiment the athletic officer hopes to be able to provide them with baseball equipment if they are good players, and to also have a regimental library for their use. Charles R. Scott gave \$25 cash to the regimental athletic fund.

S. Daniel Fringini, known as 'Fronchy' for many years a character of the streets of Tombstone, was yesterday committed to the superior court to the asylum for the insane at Phoenix, and will be taken there by the sheriff's office within the next day or two. 'Fronchy' for a number of years has

been known as to be "off" but not until of late has he been noticed to be getting worse, and had been standing on street corners annoying passing women, saying that he loved them, and would scribble an undecipherable note on a piece of paper handing it to them or leaving it on a nearby fencepost.

A little girl, who says she is nineteen years old, but who looks more like she is fourteen, covered her face with her arms and hands and sobbed aloud when Judge Dunlap of Douglas sentenced her to three months in the city jail. The girl, Irene Aberton, pleaded guilty to petty larceny, and admitted she took a night gown, some hose and other wearing apparel from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fleischer, 737 Fifth street. She said her home was in San Francisco, and that she was married there a year ago, but that her husband had left her. When she came to Douglas a few months ago she was given employment by the Fleischers, who made the complaint against her.

S. P. Applewhite, of the J. S. Douglas office in Douglas, returned Tuesday from a business trip to New York, having been away from home since the 26th day of February. Mr. Applewhite says that everywhere in the east and everywhere in the west, the necessity for making every sacrifice necessary to insure final victory which is confidently expected. The Red Cross work is everywhere going ahead with full swing and the sale of war savings stamps is just now attracting much attention. While pleased with the patriotic spirit it has encountered in the east Mr. Applewhite would not admit that more is being done there than in the west, when population and ability is considered. Mr. Applewhite has been commissioned as secretary of the local Red Cross to succeed Dr. Wright, who left yesterday for Washington to enter service in the army medical corps. He said that he was willing to undertake this work, but that it was to be recalled that the schools of the city are to lose the service of Dr. Wright on the school board and as secretary of the Red Cross chapter.

Brief State Notes

Reports from Mayor George Michel of Yuma, who is sick at a hospital in Los Angeles, are that there is no improvement in his condition, which is finally admitted by his friends to be very serious.

The hearing of the petition for an interlocutory injunction against the Arizona Corporation Commission, filed by E. F. Baker of Globe, will be heard at Los Angeles March 16, with Judge Sawtelle sitting, with two judges of the circuit court as a court of appeals.

The Salt River valley is now harvesting and marketing its largest and best lettuce crop. Although weather conditions during the past few days have been somewhat adverse to harvesting the crop, 25 carloads of the vegetable have already been shipped. More than 25 additional cars will be shipped before the crop is depleted, it was announced yesterday.

Paul Schanerburg is in Phoenix from Washington, D. C., to investigate the labor needs of the valley. One solution of the great need for more farm laborers has been offered, that of bringing them in from across the border.

der, but it is objected to because Mexicans are afraid to come over here to work on account of the draft. If the can be assured immunity from conscription, it is thought they will flow into the valley in large numbers.

The student of the meaning of moments might find a deal to speculate on in the statement of a Congress street tobacconist in Tucson, that snuff-taking is coming to be a distinctly masculine habit. The monthly consumption of Tucson is something like two hundred pounds and demand is steadily increasing, as retailers find it difficult to keep their shelves filled.

Retiring to take a nap at 4 o'clock Monday, death summoned Charles L. Borgmeyer of New York City at Chandler. The body was taken to Mrs. Borgmeyer at 6 o'clock Monday evening. Mr. Borgmeyer, who was well known attorney of New York City, came to the San Marcos on January 14. He was about 40 years of age and was noted not only as an attorney, but as an art critic as well.

In the short space of a few minutes three straw hats were seen Sunday afternoon on Morley avenue, Nogales, demonstrating that the vanguard of spring had arrived. The owners wore the hats without an apparent embarrassment and were given no vulgar stares by other pedestrians. The season is not auspicious for the lighter hats, but those of the vanguard of the demands of vogue will persist in donning the graceful Panama.

Chas. E. Water, vice president of the Consolidated National bank, yesterday announced his candidacy for director from Arizona in the El Paso branch of the Dallas Federal Reserve bank district. Walker has been in Tucson about 1 year. He began as a stenographer for Epes Randolph, later becoming chief clerk of the Arizona Eastern railroad and entered the Consolidated bank about nine years ago. The El Paso branch of the bank will have four to seven members, one each from Arizona, New Mexico and western Texas, and a manager.

With the aid of a double-barreled shotgun, George Blendenger held Jack C. Wyden, alleged robber, a captive for nearly an hour yesterday morning until Sheriff W. H. Wilky of Maricopa county, and Deputy Sheriff Ed Warren arrived from the Phoenix office to release the young man of his burden. Wyden had only a short time previously entered the Blendenger home on the Grand canal, four and one-half miles northeast of Phoenix, and made away with \$70 in cash. It is alleged. The man gained entrance to the house without being detected and had effected a temporary escape before the robbery was discovered.

Three thousand dollars worth of whiskey at bootlegging prices, reported in the office of the clerk of the federal court at Tombstone, while presumably hardworking and thirsty attorneys pass in and out without getting even a sniff.

The whiskey was found buried just outside of Tucson and was the evidence used in the case against Braken Orr and McCorkle. As the men were discharged, the government is awaiting bona fide claim for the whiskey, which of course, could not be transported through the streets of the city in any but official custody, without violating the state law against transportation of liquor.

The price of the whiskey is in bootleggers' terms, \$32 per gallon. There are 100 gallons in two barrels.